

## TAMMANY LEADERS IN A BITTER ROW

## Welde and Hopper Making a Hard Contest for Supremacy.

## TOO MUCH NEPOTISM

The Present Leader's Relatives  
Have \$30,000 Worth  
of Political Jobs.

Commissioner of Jurors Weidelt lost the support of the Carondelet Democratic Club. That is the largest and strongest organization in the Thirty-first Assembly District.

Weidelt's picture, which for so long a time ornamented their club rooms, has been removed, and in its stead hangs an oil painting of Isaac A. Hopper, president of the Twelfth Ward Bank and the present aspirant to the leadership of that district.

In no section of the city is the fight more bitter than in the Thirty-first. Albert E. Crabtree, president of the Carondelet Club, was among the last to declare himself for Hopper. He carries a great following with him, and as he votes so will hundreds of others.

When the club endorsed Hopper Crabtree, who was always looked upon as a loyal Weidelt, penned a letter to the former Police Court Justice in which he declared

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They were told that a refusal would mean the loss of their jobs. Frank G. Wagner, chief of the Lightning Bolt Supply Co., lost his \$2,500 position. Others met the same fate.

All the followers of Hopper declare that they have been put to no end of bother and trouble. They are now being sent to military duty sent out from the office of Commissioner of Jurors Weldie. Many of them declare that they have each received no less than three orders.

The Carondelet Club has arranged for a monster picnic to be held early in September. It will be free to all.

The objection to Weide as leader of the district is said to be due to his unequal distribution of patronage. He is accused of placing \$30,000 worth of positions among his own family and relatives.

Hopper is standing on a platform of positive assurance that he will give no position to any of his relatives.

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### The Death Rate Decreases.

The report of the Bureau of Vital Statistics

the week ending August 5, as compared with the like week of 1898, shows a considerable falling off in the death rate. The number of deaths in the boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx last week was 727, against 890 last year. In Brooklyn there were 419 deaths last week, against 562 in the same week of 1898.

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